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Winter Survival From Fanny Fatigue

Many educational opportunities parade in front of us throughout the winter months. A week doesn't go by when we must decide if this week's event is worth attending. In years past, this was not the case. For decades the golf turf industry was not affected noticeably with rapid changes in quality mechanization, chemicals, fertilizer compounds, seed varieties, and sophisticated irrigation systems. Nor were there extensive university turf research programs, seminars, one to three day short courses, product familiarity luncheons, OSHA and EPA educational assemblies, annual equipment field days, winter equipment maintenance demonstrations from local dealers, and last but not least, pesticide certification, professional certification, and constant re-certification. Prior to this we only had monthly local association meetings and annual conferences.

All of these changes introduce new complexity to our profession making continuing education our only means of survival.

Throughout the 1960's our association grew to progressively greater numbers, as everyone looked forward to learning the newest developments within our rapidly changing industry of growing grass. Our social hour and educational programs provided education by osmosis — all we had to do was listen and absorb new management ideas and knowledge of new materials. Soon to follow were all of the above additional educational opportunities. If we attended every educational opportunity provided for us we would be lucky to see our golf course once a week until spring.

With this thought in mind we evaluate each upcoming event on its individual merits.

Our upcoming annual three conferences, Mid Atlantic, Virginia Turfgrass Council and National GCSAA should top everyone's list for importance. One look at our local and national programs will prove this out. Within a few days we meet more superintendents and university agronomy specialists than we do in all the rest of our year's educational activities combined.

If we expect to gain valuable information from these conferences we should plan in advance what information we are looking for. Read your program for the conference carefully, take note of who is speaking, and relate these speakers to your needs. By making notes before the conference you will be assured of obtaining answers of value to your operation. During the presen-

tation of a speaker, take only short notes, and don't attempt to write complete sentences. You can always complete your notes the same day you take them — your memory is fresher and you still have an opportunity to possibly clear up any questions with the speaker.

If you go into these conferences unprepared to ask questions and take notes, you will not listen very carefully and will go home with only "fanny fatigue".

Hope to see every Mid Atlantic member at our upcoming January 10-11, Mid Atlantic Conference.

Craig Spottswood

Maryland Turfgrass Council

The annual meeting of the Maryland Turfgrass Council will be held on January 18, 1977 at the Holiday Inn of Laurel, Route 198 and Oak Lane, east of Laurel.

Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00p.m. and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m. Reservations for the dinner must be made by January 10, 1976. Contact Angelo Cammarota for details.

President's Message

It's amazing how fast a year can fly by after you've looked forward to it for so long. When I was elected to our Board of Directors seven years ago, I wanted to work for the betterment of the Association and to some day become its President. Last year I reached the apex and here it is, time to step down already. I've enjoyed my tenure as President of our Association and I'll cherish my association with the fellow members of the Board. Through their hard work and long hours, we've made progress in many areas. The respect and cooperation I've received from you members will always be uppermost in my memory.

Now, with the holidays in the air, let us be ever mindful of our Maker and be thankful for our blessings. Happy Holidays!

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48th Mid-Atlantic Conference

December 15, 1976

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to announce that the 48th annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held on January 10-11, 1977. The entire meeting will be held in the Baltimore Hilton Inn which is less than one block inside the Baltimore Beltway (route 695) at exit 20, Pikesville, Maryland. From Washington and points south, take route 95 to 695 west towards Towson. From Delaware and points north, take the Kennedy Highway (95) south to 695 towards Towson, continue on 695 to exit 20.

You will note that there are many well known superintendents, university turf specialists, and people

from the industry who will provide a very interesting program for all turfgrass managers.

We were fortunate in getting Paul Voykin, superintendent of Briarwood C.C. in Chicago, as our banquet speaker. Paul is the author of two books on turf management and he would like to impart some of his Midwest wisdom on us. He is a firm believer in *not* over-grooming a golf course.

Please call the Baltimore Hilton Inn for rooms. We have a reduced rate; \$22 for a single and \$28 for a double. Telephone 301-653-1100.

The cost of the conference and banquet is \$30 for the package. Individual registrations and banquet tickets may be purchased for \$20 each. Turf students and club officials and wives will be given complementary registrations.

The Mid-Atlantic will have a Hospitality Suite open Sunday afternoon before, during, and after the Super Bowl. Come early, bring a friend, and have an enjoyable meeting.

Sincerely,

George Thompson
Program Chairman

Program

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:30 a.m. Registration—Foyer
- 9:30 a.m. Call to Order—Preakness Ballroom South
MR. GEORGE B. THOMPSON CGCS
Columbia Country Club
Chevy Chase, MD
President's Message and Welcome
MR. DAVID S. FAIRBANK
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Manager Golf Course and Grounds
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10:30 a.m. "Managing Bent Greens for Summer Quality"

DR. A.J. POWELL
Turf Specialist
Univ. of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

11:15 a.m. "Future Shock—Are You Preparing for 1984?"

DR. JOHN R. HALL
Extension Specialist, Turf
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Blackburg, VA

12:00 noon LUNCH Steak Sandwich Bar—\$3.50,
or lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. Afternoon session—

Presiding:
MR. GEORGE W. CLEAVER CGCS
Secretary Treasurer GCSAA
Superintendent
Chestnut Ridge Country Club
Lutherville, MD

"New Jersey District Concept, State Level"
MR. PAUL BOIZELLE
President, New Jersey Superintendent Assn.
Fiddler's Elbow Far Hills, NJ

2:00 p.m. "New Jersey District Concept, Local Level"

MR. JAMES F. GILLIGAN
Superintendent
Bedins Brook Club
Skillman, NJ

2:15 p.m. "Zoysia Fairways in Missouri"

MR. LEE REDMAN JR.
Superintendent
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Creve Coeur, MO

3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:15 p.m. "What's New in Plant Protectants"

DR. JAMES GRAHAM
Monsanto

MR. SAM HORST
Rhodia

DR. M.G. SCHNAPPINGER
Ciba-geigy

DR. WALLACE E. RODGERS
Eli Lilly

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour
Cash Bar

7:30 p.m. Banquet—Preakness
Ballroom

Speaker
Special Awards
Installation of Officers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Danish

9:25 a.m. Presiding

MR. WILLIAM J. EMERSON
Superintendent
Eagles Nest Golf Club
Timonium MD

9:30 a.m. Fusarium blight Symposium

"A pathologist Looks at Fusarium Blight"

DR. RICHARD SMILEY
Turfgrass Pathologist
Cornell Univ.
Ithaca, NY

10:15 a.m. Panel Discussion on Fusarium

Moderator—Ed Wilson
Superintendent
Twin Shields Golf Club
Dunkirk, MD

Panelists:
BRIAN (CORKY) KNOLL
Superintendent
Moselem Springs GC
Fleetwood, PA

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President	William Emerson
Vice President	Sam Kessel
Secretary	Ron Hall
Treasurer	Angelo Cammarota
Directors	New Virgil Robinson
	Wayne Evans
	Remain on Board
	George Thompson
	Benn Stagg
	Mike McKenzie
	Craig Spottswood

In Sympathy

We are saddened to hear of the death of Fred Grau's wife, Frances, on December 2, 1976. The sympathy of all of the Mid Atlantic Association goes out to our wonderful friend, Dr. Grau.

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Musser Foundation, Frances Holyoke Grau Memorial Fund, Box AA, College Park, Md. 20740

Travel Note

For those of you attending the GCSAA conference in Portland, Oregon, we have found that there is no savings in a group rate. However, we did contact Travel World in Towson, where we have made group arrangements before, and they informed us that there is a \$96.00 savings on the air fare if you make land arrangements in advance at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Benson Hotel, or the Portland Hilton, which is the headquarters hotel.

For more information, contact Travel World, or any local travel agency should be able to help you.

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January 4—6, 1977

Northeastern Weed Science Society
Baltimore Hilton

January 10, 11, 1977

Mid Atlantic Conference
Baltimore Hilton Inn
Reisterstown Road Exit 20 off #695

January 25, 26, 1977

Virginia Turfgrass Council Conference
Fredericksburg, Va.

January 28, 1977

USGA Greens Section Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Atlanta, Ga.

February 6—11, 1977

GCSAA 48th Annual Turf Conference
Portland, Oregon

News From Parker Shirling

We finally received a note from Parker Shirling and he admitted that he had written no letters since he has moved to Missouri.

He says that both he and Ruth are well and miss all the news of all their good friends, but enjoy their new house and are fast becoming natives.

He asked to be remembered to all his friends, and says his door is open to any that could pay them a visit.

His new address is R.R. #2 Box 59, Noel, Missouri 64854.

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Post cards have been sent out to our membership for updated directory information. Please be prompt in returning these postcards. We want to go to print by December 16 — one day after our December Hillendale meeting.

Bob Adams Donates Flags to Association

Bob Adams, our Mid Atlantic Tor distributor, has made a set of yellow flags with our Mid Atlantic emblem to be used at our monthly meeting golf tournaments. The flags look very impressive and I encourage everybody to make an effort to get out and see them at our next meeting at Hillendale. Thank you, Bob, for the ingenious gift idea of our own personalized set of flags.



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The dictionary defines "exit" as a passage or a way out.

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From the Orange County Farm News, Sept. 1976

For those of you who don't know much about farms, OSHA has printed primers, er, rather, "booklets", explaining health and safety rules in and around the farm, particularly when dealing with animals and equipment. The booklets are written in such simplistic language that OSHA is finding it difficult convincing literate people it isn't trying to insult their intelligence.

One newspaper, the Omaha, Neb., World-Herald, did take offense, and wrote an editorial entitled "Dick and Jane Visit the Farm." Here is the World-Herald's "answer" to OSHA:

See the book.
See the little book.
See the little OSHA book.
What is OSHA?

OSHA is your government.
OSHA is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

OSHA helps people.
OSHA helps people be safe.
OSHA wants farmers to be safe.
OSHA made the little book for farmers.
What does the little book say?

This is what it says:

Be careful around the farm. . . Hazards are one of the main causes of accidents. A hazard is anything that is dangerous.

Be careful when you are handling animals. Tired or hungry or frightened cattle can bolt and trample you. Be patient, talk softly around the cows. Don't move fast or be loud around them. If they are upset, don't go into the pen with them.

A bawling calf can cause all the cows to be upset. If that happens, stay out of the feedlot. They could bolt and knock you down.

Always try to keep a fence between you and your cattle. Never try to handle a bull alone. Always have a helper.

Don't fall.

Be careful that you do not fall into the manure pits. Put up signs and fences to keep people away. These pits are very dangerous.

Put away tools, equipment and feed when not using them. . . When floors are wet and slippery with manure, you could have a bad fall. . . If your ladder is broken, do not climb it.

Wear clothes that fit right.

See the farmer.

See the farmer go to the mail box.

See the farmer get the little book.

The farmer can read.

The farmer can read long sentences.

The farmer knows about cows.

The farmer knows about fences.

The farmer knows about manure pits.

See the farmer read the little book.

Now the farmer knows about OSHA.
See the farmer kick the mail box.
Hear the farmer say bad words.
See the farmer throw the little book.
See the farmer throw the little book into the manure pit.

See OSHA.
See OSHA write.
See OSHA print.
See OSHA throw money into the manure pit.
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